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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Ironside On Holiness

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED—THE STRUGGLE FOR ERADICATION OF THE CARNAL NATURE ENDED

By Dr. H. A. Ironside,  
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(Last week we published Dr. Ironside's preface to the book, HOLINESS, THE FALSE AND THE TRUE, the story of his conversion, his search for holiness and the ups and downs of his life as a Salvation Army officer. This is the second article by this greatly-used man of God who went to be with the Lord last January. Now on with his story—Editor).

### The Struggle Ended

I had now been for over five years laboring in the organization with which I had linked myself, and ever seeking to be certain that I had attained a sinless state. In some twelve different towns and cities I had served, as I thought, faithfully, endeavoring to reach the lost, and to make out of them staunch Salvationists when converted. Many happy experiences had been mine, coupled however with some most gloomy disappointments, both as to myself and others. Very few of our "converts" stood. "Backsliders" often outnumbered by far our "soldiers." The ex-Salvation Army was many times larger than the original organization.

One great reason for this I was blind to for a long time. But at last it began to be clear to me that the holiness doctrine had a most baneful influence upon the movement. People who professed conversion (whether real or not the day will declare) struggled for months, even years, to reach a state of sinlessness which never was reached; and at last they gave up in despair and sank back in many instances to the dead level of the world around them.

I saw that it was the same with all the holiness denominations, and the various "Bands," "Missions," and other movements, that were continually breaking off from them. The standard set was the unattainable. The result was, sooner or later, utter discouragement, cunningly-concealed hypocrisy, or an unconscious lowering of the standard to suit the experience reached. For myself I had been ensnared by the last expedient for a long time. How much of the second there was I do not dare to say. But eventually I fell a victim to the first. And I can now see that it was a mercy I did so.

### The Despair Which Comes From "Second Blessing" Teaching

When I went to the Home of Rest I had not yet fully given up seeking for perfection in the flesh. I really expected great things

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Dr. H. A. Ironside

## What the Bible Is to the Christian

By Evangelist John R. Rice



"And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live."—Deut. 8:3.

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."—Matt. 4:4.

"And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."—Luke 4:4.

In the Scriptures given above we find it said three times that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God or by every word of God. In Deuteronomy 8:3 we are told that God humbled the nation Israel in the wilderness and caused the people to hunger and fed them on manna from Heaven, that they might come to know this great truth, that not by bread, but by the Word of God, by everything in the Word of God, a man is to live.

In Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4 we find that Jesus, being tempted of the Devil, hungering after a forty-day fast, answers Satan with this Old Testament Scripture. When Satan suggested that He make bread out of stones, Jesus answered, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

I would like to help every reader to see what the Bible will do for a Christian. And the texts above indicate that salvation, Christian joy, power, peace, knowledge and success are all dependent upon the Word of God.

It is most suggestive that even Jesus selected this Scripture in the hour of His great temptation and used it to defeat Satan as well as to comfort His own heart

and reassure His faith. Jesus was taking His place as "the Son of man." He loved to be called by that title. He represented all mankind. He is the second Adam. He is the example. He is not only the Saviour of all who are God's children, but He is their example, their elder Brother. And here Jesus sets the example for us. We must meet temptation with the Word of God. We must believe the Word, live by it, trust it.

Here, too, is a startling example of what the Bible claims for itself. Of the Scriptures, Jesus said that "every word . . . proceedeth out of the mouth of God." God Himself gave every word of the original manuscripts of the Bible. The Bible, then, is not only supernatural, but it is completely so. It is the perfect Word of God. Every word of it, as originally given, and now as faithfully trans-

lated and handed down to us, proceeded from God. Here is the measure of the inspiration of the Bible and so the measure of the authority of the Bible. As the psalmist said, "The law of the Lord is perfect. . . ." (Psa. 19:7). Again, "Every word of God is pure" (Prov. 30:5). It is stated clearly in the Bible that ". . . the grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. . . ." (1 Pet. 1:24,25; Isa. 40:8). God says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33). The Lord Jesus declared positively that "not one jot nor tittle shall be done away, until all shall be fulfilled" (Matt. 5:18).

The Bible claims to be the perfect Word of God. Our Lord Jesus believed that claim, relied upon it and lived by every word of divine revelation!

How much of the Bible is reliable? Every word of it! How much of the Bible is profitable and important? Every word of it! For every word of it proceedeth from the mouth of God. The same thought Paul wrote, by divine inspiration, to Timothy, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16,17). Every Christian, then, should, by God's help, know all the Bible, love all the Bible, believe all the Bible, follow all the Bible as best he can.

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## The Place Called Calvary

By Evangelist Hyman J. Appelman

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him."—Luke 23:33

When all is said and done, Charles Haddon Spurgeon was justified in answering one of his students in this fashion. The student asked the great man how to



Dr. Hyman Appelman

go about preparing his sermons. Spurgeon replied, "I go to the Bible, find my text, and from there I go as fast as I can across country to Calvary's cross." That is the only message that we have. That is the foundation of our religion.

This world of ours is full of historic places. It is so in America. It is much more so in Europe. The European nations are much older than is the United States. Take our own country. They of Texas thrill at the Alamo, at the San Jacinto battlefield. In Philadelphia, they talk with bated breath about the time that George Washington and the ragged Continentals spent in Valley Forge. There are Bunker Hill, Lake Erie, Gettysburg. Indeed there are numberless places of historic note which bring up hal- lowed, patriotic, heroic memories; places that make our hearts throb faster, our blood run quicker. Some of them mark supreme struggles. Some of them go down in history as scenes of mighty crises.

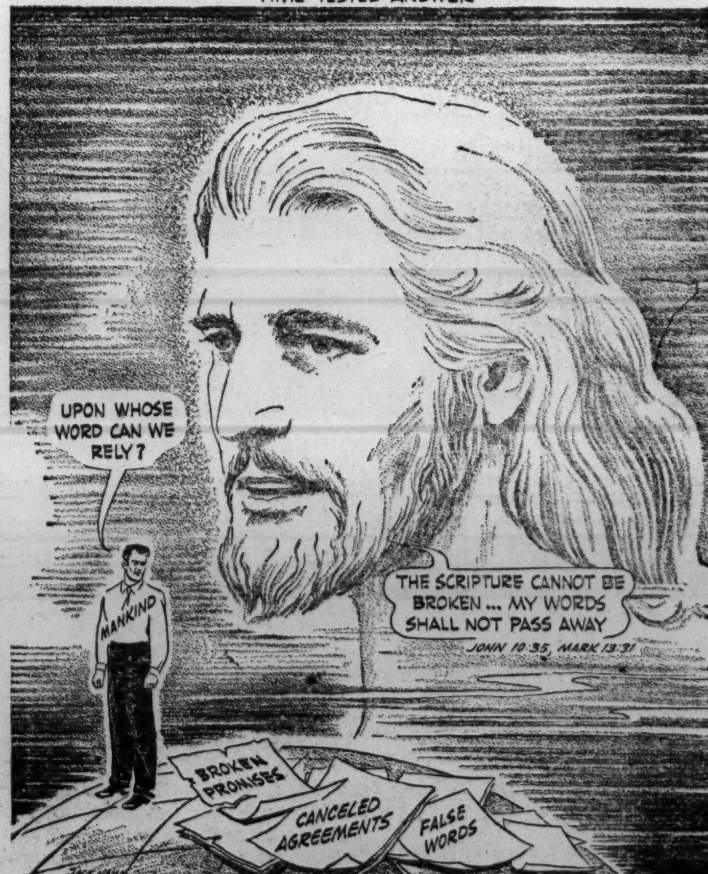
But, greater than all of these

places put together, is the place called Calvary. Call it Golgotha in the Hebrew, or Calvary in the Latin—it is from that green hill far away there flows to us the river of God's mercy and grace. It is because of Calvary that we can be assured of our salvation. It is because of Calvary that we have the right of entry to God. It is not because of anything in us or about us—either before or after our accepting Jesus Christ as our Redeemer—that these benefits come to us. On the other hand, we who are Christians are constantly beating our breasts crying, "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner."

It was on Calvary that God met the sinner. It was on Calvary that God met Satan in the battle of the ages. Satan thought that he had won the victory when the blood-stained Jesus cried, "It is finished, Father into thy hands I commend my spirit," bowed His head and gave up the ghost. Satan thought that he had us where he wanted us. But, thank God, the biggest mistake Satan ever made, the worst thing he ever did for himself, the

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## Book Reviews

BOOK REVIEWS IN THIS COLUMN WILL USUALLY BE BY JUDGES OF THE SWORD BOOK CLUB AND WILL BE SIGNED

**THINE IS THE KINGDOM, J. H. Hunter.** Zondervan Publishing House. (First prize winner in Zondervan's \$5,000 second International Christian Fiction Contest.) \$3.00. A realistic novel based on the coming Russian attempt to dominate the world by revolution. The leading characters are not only men of courage and integrity but are Christian men of staunch faith. This is a story of twin brothers: one a fanatical red, the other a consecrated Christian inventor. What happens when the unscrupulous red seeks to murder his brother and take his place in order to possess scientific secrets to pass on to the communists makes interesting reading.—EVANGELIST WILLIAM H. RICE

**THINE IS THE KINGDOM.** Dr. Hunter is a master storyteller. Here is a very timely and intriguing novel—the diabolical hatred of communism against Christianity and capitalism, the brutal plans and methods to destroy the Western world, delightful romance, tingling adventure, the power of God in the life of men who live dangerously for Him, for the Gospel, and for their homeland. One shudders when he realizes that the intrigue of world destroyers here described is actually going on.—DR. V. RAYMOND EDMAN

**BIBLE LIGHT ON DAILY LIFE,** by Philip E. Howard, Jr. Van Kampen Press. \$2.25. This is a book for daily devotional use. It is not dated and therefore it does not matter what day of the year or week one begins to read. The meditations are gleaned from contributions by the author to the *Sunday School Times*. Exhortations—exhortations to live right, to confess one's sins, to make restitution of wrongs done to others, etc.—are frequently interspersed in the writing. Illustrations are drawn from ancient writings, from bird life, from modern science, etc. A most helpful book and may well be used at the family altar daily.—EVANGELIST WILLIAM H. RICE

**THE SECOND PERSON** by Lehman Strauss. Loizeaux Brothers. \$2.25. These "Devotional Studies on the Life of Our Lord" are of real merit. They are beautifully written, Scriptural and reveal the great care of the author in their preparation. These seventeen studies will be found to be of great help in private or family devotions. Teachers of Youth groups will also find in them much material in preparing for a series of studies on the life of our Lord.—DR. HENRY HEPBURN

**ETERNAL RETRIBUTION,** William Elbert Munsey. Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois. \$1.50. This is an unusual book, expounding a greatly needed subject. It consists of seven sermons preached by an "old-time" Methodist minister, who had not only the fire of the old-time Methodist faith, but an unusually brilliant mind and logical presentation. The sermons picture the necessity and certainty of eternal retribution and point out the "way of escape" through the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ. The book should be read by all who are skeptical of this

plainly Scriptural doctrine. And it will be very helpful in awakening the unrepentant sinner to the inevitableness of his future state.—DR. T. ROLAND PHILIPS

**SIMPLE SERMONS ON THE GREAT CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES,** by W. Herschel Ford. Broadman Press. \$1.75. The title of this volume describes accurately its contents. There are twelve sermons and the subject of each is a familiar Christian doctrine; each sermon is presented so simply that anyone can grasp its meaning easily. This is, therefore, an unusual combination, so free from theological abstractions. Two sermons, because of the frequent abuse of presentation, appeal to us particularly: they deal with Sanctification and The Second Coming of Christ [we prefer the subject, The Lord's Return]. These often, misunderstood and abused truths are made refreshingly clear.—DR. JOHN L. HILL

**SIMPLE SERMONS ON GREAT CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES.** Dr. Ford is gifted with the ability of presenting great truths simply and yet forcefully. Here is a book which is true to the Word, premillennial in outlook, well-outlined, and amply illustrated. The lay reader as well as the minister will read with profit. This book will make an excellent text for study courses and special Bible classes.—DR. LEE ROBERSON

**CHARIOTS OF FIRE,** by Clarence E. Macartney. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. \$2. Inspiring and informative messages on lesser known personalities in the Scriptures, pictured by a master preacher. Here is an excellent combination of deep human interest and spiritual insight. The characters portrayed are widely divergent: Herod Antipas, who killed his own conscience; Eutichus, who slept in church; Esau, who is a pathetic picture of human weakness; Doeg, who told the truth, but not the whole truth; and Rizpah, the picture of sorrowing motherhood. One understands his fellow human beings better, and can see more clearly the providence of God in their lives because of these studies.—DR. V. RAYMOND EDMAN

**HOW TO HAVE A FAMILY ALTAR,** by Norman V. Williams. Moody Press. 35c. This is a new 127-page paperback book of the Moody Colportage Library. The fourteen chapters are reverent, spiritual and helpful, and they go far beyond the family altar into the whole matter of Christianity in the home. I commend the book heartily. There are minor matters with which we do not agree, such as insistence that parents must say "please" to the children in giving orders. I fear there is too much of this modern worldly attitude, "Rule by love and not by fear." Why not love and definite authority that inspire fear also? But the book is so spiritual and Scriptural and helpful on the whole that we commend it most heartily.—JOHN R. RICE

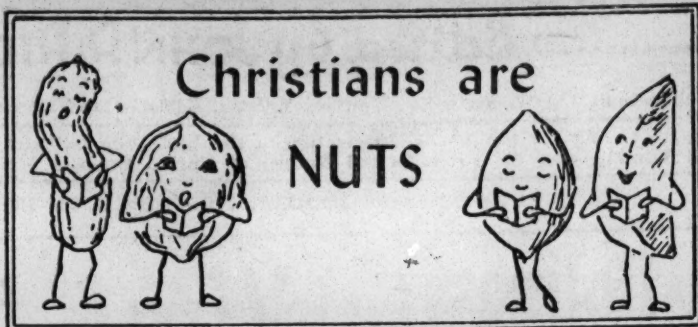
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## Strange Short Stories

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson



Song of Solomon 6:11

Strangely enough our blessed Lord has recorded for us these words, "I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley." If our Lord compared His people to nuts, then the suggestion is worthy of our careful consideration and we shall surely find much profit in meditating on the comparisons and contrasts between the people of God and the nuts that grow so richly throughout the world.

**NUTS ARE FOUND EVERYWHERE** in almost every climate, and in nearly every nation. So we find that Christians also may be found in every clime and among every people. They are found in greater numbers in some parts than in others, as nuts grow more profusely in some sections than in others.

**NUTS GROW IN HIGH PLACES.** They grow on trees and sometimes the trees are very high. So Christians are seated in heavenly places in Christ, they dwell in the heavenlies, their place is with God, they walk in the highways of life and should not be found in the swamps.

**NUTS ARE OF MANY COLORS.** Some are brown, others are black, while still others are yellow. In this respect they are quite like Christians for there are brown Christians in India, and yellow Christians in Japan, and black Christians in Africa, and there are red Christians in the American desert and white Christians everywhere.

**NUTS HAVE A SWEET HEART.** The shell covers the heart but the heart is there. All of God's people have precious hearts, most of them have tender hearts, hearts that are a blessing to others, hearts that prove useful to others, hearts that others love.

**NUTS ARE FOUND IN CLUSTERS AND IN GROUPS.** One tree may have a thousand nuts upon it. Brazil nuts particularly are always found in clusters and walnuts grow in the twos and threes. Among believers we find a fellowship also. "Where two or three are gathered together" our Lord is present. We are told to "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together." Christians love the fellowship of other Christians, believers desire to be with other believers.

**NUTS ARE GOOD FOR FOOD** and are profitable in commercial trade; they have great value. The sale of nuts reaches a very high figure everywhere in the markets of the world. Christians too are very valuable; they are the salt of the earth, they are precious in the sight of the Lord, they are the balance-wheel of society, they are the stable element in all civilization. In the affairs of this world, Christians hold the reins, and Christian principles guide the counsels of men.

**SOME NUTS HAVE THIN SHELLS** while those of others are thick and hard. We find it so with God's believing children. Some are easily touched, others seem cold and apparently repel the friendship of those they meet. Some are easily moved to tears while others seem hardened to the needs of men. It is easy to reach the hearts of some while others resist every attempt to reach the heart with pleas of mercy.

**NUTS ARE LIKE SEEDS,** they may be planted in order to reproduce the trees on which they grew. Nuts have the power of reproduction; they really are the seed of the tree from which they fell. Christians too should be re-

He who saves his own life, said our Lord, will lose it. Christ Jesus gave life to us by laying down His own life. The nut must be taken from the tree, it must be crushed that the shell may give up the lovely treasure which it holds within its bosom. In breaking and giving we, too, may have the joy of bringing happiness to the hearts of the hungry.

**SOME NUTS APPEAR UNATTRACTIVE** to the eye. There seems to be nothing there that would please those who have them. They are rather forbidding in their appearance. The color is not always attractive, the shape is not always interesting. If we know, however, that there is a nut-meat, then we shall break the shell to find the meat and the meat is always there. There may be those Christians who appear to be rough and heartless and cold. In those very hearts, however, may often be found the sweetest fragrance of Christ and the most tender care for others. Let us not judge by the outward appearance but rather let us judge by the heart which is inside.

**MOST NUTS ARE GATHERED IN THE AUTUMN.** After the blighting frost, after the cold of winter has touched the trees, after the leaves begin to fall and the shadows lengthen, then the owner gathers in the nuts. This is the ordinary way of life. God gathers His own usually in the autumn time. The hair has been touched by the snows of many winters, the shadows have lengthened across the pathway of life, the world has lost its beauty for the heart and mind, then the Lord takes Home the nut with the precious heart. The nut that has stood so many winters, endured so many storms, but was found upon the tree until the Master plucked it for Himself.

**THE SWEET HEART OF THE NUT IS SURROUNDED** by three coverings. There is the outer husk such as the walnut wears; after this, is the hard shell of the nut. This may be smooth as with the pecan or fairly rough as with the English walnut or it may be very rough as the American black walnut. The third covering is thin and is found inside the hard shell and enclosing the actual meat of the nut. This skin is most noticeable in the almond. These three coverings represent three positions occupied by the Christian. He, too, is surrounded with three coverings. The first is the characteristics which the world sees, the second is those traits of character which his most intimate relatives, such as the wife, the mother, the daughter see. The third is that life which only the Father sees and the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus. This is the hidden life unknown to man but naked and open before God.

May our blessed Lord grant that everyone who reads this message may have a deep desire to become one of God's nuts, bring joy to the Lord and blessing to men.

(The above is one of the thirty-three chapters in the book, *STRANGE SHORT STORIES BY THE DOCTOR*, 123 pages, paper bound, which may be purchased for 75c from Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois.)

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Dr. Sam Morris, "The Voice of Temperance," is on radio station WHO (1040 on the dial) of Des Moines for a 13-week period, which began November 7, every Wednesday night at 9:15, Central Standard Time. This program can be heard over most of the central part of the United States. We feel sure those of you who read his splendid sermon, "The Christian and Liquor Traffic" in October 26 SWORD will want to hear more from this man of God.

On Sunday night, November 4, Dr. Percy Crawford's Young People's Church of the Air celebrated its 20th anniversary of broadcasting by airing the **Youth on the March** television program, coast-to-coast over the ABC network on a "live" basis. This was the first time any religious program has ever been televised on such a large scale by airing the program simultaneously on a "live" basis, using the new facilities of the AT&T's micro-towers. **Youth on the March** can be seen each Sunday in sixteen of the larger cities throughout the United States.

## Our Mistake!

1. When we published recently in THE SWORD OF THE LORD "Must Young People Believe in Evolution?" by the late Dr. Arthur I. Brown, we should have mentioned the present address of Mrs. Arthur I. Brown, but the information was received too late for that issue. Mrs. Brown's address is P. O. Box 531, Victoria, B. C. Any one who has written her or Dr. Brown before and failed to receive an answer, please use this address.

2. Recently in THE SWORD OF THE LORD we ran an article, "I Heard Billy Graham," which we took from the N.A.E. magazine, Evangelical Action, and failed to give credit to this good paper for the article. We intend always to give proper credit, but in this case inadvertently failed.

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## Birthday Candles

By Grace Rice MacMullen,  
Circulation Manager

Candles have long been used to represent the passing of time. In the old days, before clocks were invented, candles were used to measure time, as a matter of fact. Candles were made with alternating bands of varicolored wax, the bands measured to last a set period of time. For example, when the red part had burned down to the white part, they knew that a year had passed.

But candles can be used to measure other things, too. In a fruitful, diligent life, candles—birthday candles, that is—can represent achievement, as well as passing time. Each candle may represent a year of prayer and hard work, of close fellowship with God and diligent labor for Him. That's why we're looking forward to December 11—the editor's birthday. We feel that the 56 candles which are appropriate then represent much more than just the passing of years. They represent labors unceasing—often far into the night. They represent tears and heartbreak and faith to go on in times of hardship. They represent souls won to Christ, by the hundreds. They represent a constant round of speaking, writing, consulting, traveling, planning and guiding a large business, instant in season and out. That's why we feel that December 11, the birthday of Editor John R. Rice, is a big day. And we feel that he deserves a big celebration.

No doubt you, as a reader of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, have your own reasons for appreciating the ministry of this man of God. You undoubtedly would like to let him know of your interest in the work and your birthday wishes. If all the readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD join together in one great effort, we believe we can make this fifty-sixth birthday one that will stand out in Dr. Rice's memory through the years to come. How? By sending in gift subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD! Of course, Dr. Rice will get no profit from your subscriptions—he doesn't even get a salary for his work

as editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. But this weekly paper is the project nearest to the heart of Dr. Rice, and it is perhaps your most effective way of reaching your friends and loved ones with the gospel and sound Christian teaching. So you will not only wish Dr. Rice a happy birthday, but you will achieve eternal good, when you give a subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Think through your list of acquaintances: maybe the folks next door, a Sunday School teacher, certainly your pastor, friends in your church; a favorite aunt or uncle or cousin; school friends, business acquaintances. Especially don't overlook the vast host of shut-ins, the aged, the hospitalized, those who are bereaved in sorrow. Remember, too, those away from home—in college, boys in the armed services. To those THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a gift from Heaven. There are friends of yours who need THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Is it not your responsibility to see that they get it? Your Christmas gift subscription may mean a changed life, a new life for a new year.

December 11 will be a wonderful birthday for Dr. Rice if all his friends—THE SWORD readers—get together to make it a memorable day. I know you won't let him down, and you won't let down your friends who need THE SWORD. Use the subscription blank below to say happy birthday to Dr. Rice and to gain eternal reward for yourself and blessing for your friends. But do it now! The snow is flying, the year is dying, and December 11 will be here almost before you know it!

## Happy Birthday, Dr. Rice!

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## The Place Called Calvary

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best thing he ever did for us, was when he induced men with inhuman hands and wrath to send Jesus Christ to the cross. That cross is now the mightiest weapon forged in the arsenal of Heaven, in the hands of God, in the hands of the child of God to overcome the hordes and hosts of doom and the pit.

What is that place called Calvary? Why is there such a wonderful appeal in it? I wish we had hours instead of these fleeting minutes. Yet, these things I am saying to you tonight you have known long before I came to this rostrum. You know each of them as well as I do, I am just crystallizing these matters before you as the Lord gives me utterance.

### Calvary, the Place of Pain

First, then, Calvary was unquestionably the place of pain, of frightful pain, of indescribable pain. The pain that the Lord Jesus Christ endured no man has ever endured, or certainly ever shall endure.

It was the pain of misunderstanding. He who was God in the flesh was accused of blasphemy, of heresy. He was crucified, if you will have it, as a blasphemer. That was the accusation that was leveled against Him—He made Himself one with God. Think of the fearful misunderstanding He had to labor under in the awful hours of the cross. There was the misunderstanding not only concerning His godhead, but concerning His authority. He was crucified as a traitor against the Roman emperor, against the Roman empire. He, who was not only the King of the Jews, but the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Creator, the Preserver, the Sovereign, the Suzerain of the universe was mocked with that title, "Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews." Surely His heart must have ached and broken within Him as He looked out over that milling, hate-vomiting mob, spitting out their opprobrious epithets at Him, crying, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" They did not understand Him. Seemingly they did not want to understand Him.

Then there was the pain of loneliness. Even His own loved ones turned their backs upon Him. How few did remain at the cross—the four women, that one man! Oh the loneliness that He had to endure as He hung there between the heavens and the earth, forsaken—at least for awhile—even by God, causing Him to utter that awful cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" surely by all mankind, even by those who had vowed friendship.

What shall I further say of the pain, not only of misunderstanding, not only of loneliness, but of the tortured body that He endured in the crucifixion.

Think of the Son of God with His torn back pressed against the rough wood. Think of the awful

drag of those cruel nails. The Jews have a name for them. They had a name for them in the long ago. They called them the black nails of the crucifixion. Those rough bronze nails that tore as though they were dum-dum bullets instead of passing cleanly through! It seems to me that if we had the tenderness of marble we would be moved by the physical pain of the Lord Jesus Christ to accept Him as Saviour, to enthrone Him as Lord and Master. It seems to me that if our feelings were as gentle as tough granite, they would be constrained to cry, "Jesus, if Thou didst love me enough to die for me, I love Thee enough to live for Thee."

Where more can I find the words to tell of the pain, not only of misunderstanding and of loneliness and of physical torture, but the pain of the fearful fact that He became sin for every one of us. Him who knew no sin, God made to be sin for us. There is not a clean woman in this auditorium who would willingly walk down the streets of this filthy city of Chicago with its dirt, and dust, and smoke, and corruption, in a stained dress, in a spotted frock. Yet the holy Son of God had to become the off-scourings of Hell for every one of us. It is written, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). It is written further, "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6). It is written once again, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). The word goes on, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Pet. 2:24).

We talk a great deal of the pain of loneliness, and the pain of the physical agony, and the pain of misunderstanding, but will you agree with me tonight—you must agree with me, it is so—that the chiefest, the most unbearable pain that Jesus endured was that He became sin for every one of us, your sin, my sin. Surely, my friends, the death of Christ on the cross precludes any hope, any thought, any possibility of any soul anywhere in time or eternity escaping the doom and damnation of sin outside of the blood of Jesus Christ. Hear me tonight! If there were any other way of salvation possible, if there were any other way of salvation conceivable, God would have known it, and He would never have sent His Son to die for our sins on that bitter tree. Oh, what a warning those six hours of anguish are to those of you within the sound of my voice who are not Christians! I say to you as unqualifiedly as the beat of my humble voice on your hearts that you cannot escape the penalty, the punishment, the curse, the condemnation of your sins, save in the Balm of Gilead.

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## Dr. Bob Jones Says:

On October 30, which was my birthday, our Bob Jones University ministerial students, as I told you in my last statement, gave me a check for \$1,000 for our Student Loan Endowment Fund. A number of students have made gifts to this Fund. I was greatly impressed with the following letter from one of our girls who gave us a check for \$21 toward the Fund. Here is what this young lady says:

"Happy Birthday, Dr. Bob. May God richly bless you on this day. May you have many, many more happy and prosperous years serving the Lord.

"Dr. Bob, I want to include some tithe money that I received this summer for the Student Loan Fund. If it were not for this Fund, I would not be here today. This is my third year here at school, and my second year as a work/loan student. I do thank the Lord for this school and for the opportunity of coming here. I cannot express in words what my three years here have meant to me.

"I was not right with the Lord when I came here. I spent three miserable weeks before

I surrendered my all in all to Him. Dr. Bob, it has truly been marvelous and wonderful how the Lord has blessed me since that day. He is such a wonderful Lord to me.

"I want to thank you, Dr. Bob, for all the practical lessons you teach us here. Please accept this token of appreciation for the Student Loan Fund which you started for students who are unable to pay but can come and receive the wonderful blessings afforded here."

Now, you Christian friends have read numbers of letters which we have quoted and have read our appeals from time to time, but I am not going to let you rest until you help us reach this million-dollar goal. Won't you do your best to help us between now and Christmas? Please send whatever amount you can; and if you have already contributed, try to make an additional contribution at this time. Thank you for your interest, your gifts, and especially your prayers. God bless you.

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REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago, recently had a blessed part in the Simultaneous Baptist Revivals in Kansas City, Missouri. Churches cooperating in the campaign had 711 additions, 430 new converts baptized.

There were 9 conversions and 37 rededications in the Friendship Baptist Church, Danville, Indiana, during a series of meetings with Evangelist G. Covell Keenum.

Rev. Wallace V. Dorris of Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, has as the evangelist for an eight-day revival, Oscar Wells. The church auditorium, which seats 550, was filled every night, according to the pastor, and on the two Sundays of the campaign extra chairs were used. A good many were saved, some joined the church.

The Chariton River Baptist Church of Plano, Iowa, was filled night after night to hear Evangelist Claude McDonald, Jr. during the recent revival. There were six adult conversions, and a number of children were saved also.

Evangelist Kenneth Chapman held a recent revival at Calvary Baptist Church, Superior, Wisconsin. The evangelist reports 7 conversions, 15 rededications, and 9 family altars established.

Clifton W. Brannon, Evangelist who resides at 626 Electra Street, Longview, Texas, has recently closed a great revival in the First Baptist Church, Canyon, Texas, where Rev. Straus Atkinson is pastor. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Messer were in charge of the music. During the one-week revival there were 302 decisions, 72 added to the church roll and 22 more conversions who are good prospects for the church, and many rededications.

Following the above campaign, Mr. Brannon held a revival at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia. In the brief span of seven days, the pastor, Rev. Ernest Saloom, reports there were 127 additions to the church by baptism and letter, and a total of 543 decisions cards signed, ranging from rededications and promises to establish family altars to surrenders for full-time Christian service. The pastor further states: "If I were to summarize the meeting in one sentence, it would be, 'The power of God was working through Clifton Brannon.'"

Evangelist Brannon gave up a successful career as a corporation lawyer in 1949—a career which has gained for him a place in "Who's Who in America"—to preach the gospel with scriptural soundness and with spiritual power.

Evangelist Frank Harpell was in the Rote E.U.B. church at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, October 14-October 28. There were 57 conversions, 21 joined the church.

September 16-28 Evangelist Dolphus Price was in meetings at Bellview Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida. We have just received a good letter from the pastor, Rev. L. L. Rawson, giving the results of the campaign, which are as follows: 20 professions of faith, 7 additions to the church by letter and statement, and 80 decisions for better service in soul winning.

Evangelist Ralph D. Dodd of Little Rock, Arkansas, wrote November 1: "My campaign with Weller Avenue Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was by far the best that I have had so far. There were 50 professions of faith and fully 150 who walked the aisles in a full rededication of their lives to the Lord. The

Baton Rouge meeting closed on October 21st; I began at Hamilton, Ohio, on October 28th."

Evangelist Ray Cutchin has just closed a good revival campaign with Laurel Hill Gospel Tabernacle at Jennerstown, Pennsylvania. The pastor, Rev. C. J. Ickes, writes triumphantly of God's blessings during the revival and reports that in sixteen days there were 58 first-time decisions for Christ, and 27 backsliders restored. The campaign would have been extended longer but for previous commitments which Brother Cutchin had at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The pastor also says, "Two folks who were here the last night of our revival were saved in the home after Brother Ray left. They were sixty years old. We also got several young people lined up to go to Bob Jones University and one answered the call to the mission field. I just graduated from Bob Jones University this spring, and I praise God for letting me go to such a school."

The First Welsh Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, experienced a time of revival blessing during the recent series of meetings with Evangelist Ray Cutchin. Brother Cutchin reports the meetings began very slowly, but a great victory was experienced during the second week when souls began to take a public stand for Christ. There were 43 reported conversions, 8 rededications and 6 family altars established during these meetings.



Dr. Rudolph Q. Harvey, graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, after sixteen years in the pastorate is now very happy in full-time evangelistic work. This year, Dr. Harvey writes, over 1200 have been added to the churches through his ministry. His address is P. O. Box 392, B. U. Station, Waco, Texas.

The first of January, K. L. Sutter resigned the pastorate in West Plains, Missouri. Since that time he has conducted twenty-three series of meetings, with scores saved and hundreds of rededications. He has a large tent tabernacle, water and flame proof,

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Nov. 25-Dec. 9, Rev. Joseph Toth, 721 Idaho Ave., Lorain, O.—Church, Rochester Baptist Church, Rochester, O.

Ray Cutchin

Nov. 13-25, Rev. G. A. Thomas, First Baptist Church, Danville, Iowa; Dec. 2-16, Rev. Ernest J. Dunn, Methodist Church, Kempton, Ind.

G. Covell Keenum

Nov. 13-25, Rev. L. Glenn Hazel, 437 Carson St., Monongahela, Pa.; Dec. 4-16, Rev. David G. Canine, First Baptist Church, 302 West Center St., Blanchester, Ohio.

Claude McDonald, Jr.

Nov. 18-Dec. 2, Carl Binkley, Mt. Carroll, Ill.; Dec. 9-16, Downtown Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

J. H. Melton

Nov. 12-25, Rev. Thomas Lowther, First Baptist Church, 207 Lafayette St., New Bethlehem, Pa.—Union meeting, Baptists and Methodists; Nov. 26-Dec. 9, James G. Hanna, Strattanville, Pa. and Rev. E. Ruark, Corsica, Pa.—Youth for Christ at Corsica, Pa.

James Threlfall

Nov. 24, Mullica Hill, N. J.—Youth for Christ; Nov. 25-Dec. 9, Rev. H. Fehl, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Greenmount, Md.; Dec. 11-23, Rev. Warren W. Helder, Calvary Bible Church, Route 1, Wrightsville, Pa.

Eddie Wagner

Nov. 12-25, Rev. A. W. Duncan, First Baptist Church, Centertown, Mo.; Nov. 27-Dec. 9, Rev. William Peters, First Baptist Church, Chariton, Ia.

Douglas Winn

Nov. 19-25, Rev. Earl Glenn, 3009 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C.; Nov. 26-Dec. 1, Lansing, Mich.; Dec. 2-23, Spokane, Wash.

These men on the Sword Staff of Evangelists have been called of God to do the work of an evangelist, and are willing to go wherever God clearly leads, to help in a revival campaign. Each of these God-called men have ability, are deeply spiritual and are successful soul winners. Each one is a proven evangelist. All have pastoral experience.

Everyone of these men is sound in Bible doctrine, believing in the complete inspiration of the Word of God, in the virgin birth, bodily resurrection and essential deity of Christ. They believe in Heaven and Hell, in regeneration by repentance and faith in Christ. They teach a separated life for Christians. They believe Christians may have an endowment of Holy Spirit power for soul winning. They are prayerful, loving, believing, compassionate men, carefully chosen to represent The Sword of the Lord as our official evangelists.

For dates with any of these men of the Sword Staff of Evangelists, write Rev. Ralph E. Mueher, Field Secretary, Sword Staff of Evangelists, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

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with cushioned folding chairs for summer meetings. Interested pastors or churches may write him, Box 521, University Station, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Evangelist Jimmie Shelton of 2472 Abaco Avenue, Miami, Florida, recently conducted a two-week meeting at the Bible Baptist Church, Miami. There were 30 who accepted Christ as Saviour, and many others rededicated their lives to Christ. Twenty-one of those saved joined the church through baptism, seven united with the church by letter.

The "Key to Life" evangelistic campaign sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Committee at Grand Rapids, Michigan, with the fiery young California evangelist, Jack Shuler, came to a close Sunday, October 14. The closing Sunday afternoon over 8,500 squeezed into the Grand Rapids Stadium which has a seating capacity of 7,000. Bud Wiersma, Kent County deputy sheriff, closed the stadium parking lot turning away over seven hundred cars bearing an estimated 3,000 persons. During the five weeks, 550 people gave their hearts to Christ. Henry Sonneveldt, chairman of the Christian Business Men's Committee, said, "Hundreds told us that we had made a great

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in the streaming wounds of the Son of God. But that is not all.

## Calvary, the Place of Pardon

Not only was the place called Calvary a place of pain but it was, and is now, thank God, the place of pardon. It was the birthplace of our pardon. It was the source of our pardon. If you will have it, it is the sum and substance of our pardon. Not even God—not even God, I repeat—can forgive any single one of our sins unless we come to Him through the shed blood of His Son. God has to be just, even though He can be the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

It was on Calvary that Jesus Christ held off the death angel long enough to turn to the thief by His side, to say to him, "This day thou shalt be with me in paradise." It was on Calvary that the Lord Jesus Christ exerted His mighty power to stave off the death angel long enough to cry out "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." It was on Calvary in His own hot blood that the keys to Heaven were forged for every believing sinner who thus becomes a believing saint. It is by way of Calvary that to us is offered the abundant and superabundant pardon of God.

Hear me! Our sins are not forgiven us primarily because we repent. Our sins are not forgiven us only because we believe. Our sins are not forgiven us because we confess. Surely they are not forgiven us because we are baptized and join the church, and give of our means, and come to conferences, and live right. No, my friends, our sins are forgiven us because Jesus Christ paid for them on the cruel tree. Our sins are forgiven us who repent and believe in Christ, for the sake of what happened yonder on Calvary.

Just think of what it means to be an evangelist. How sorry I am for those of you here tonight who are not preachers. How sorry I am for those of you dear preachers here tonight who are not called to be evangelists. I do not know how you feel about it, but if the Angel Gabriel were to come down from Glory, stand by my side, take off his wings, take off his trumpet, take off his badge of office, take off his authority, lay it all down here on this pulpit to say, "Preacher, you can be the right-hand angel of God; you can be the commander-in-chief of God's armies if you will let me be an evangelist." Do you know what I would say to him? "Gabriel, you are talking to a Jew now. I know when I am well off. I know when I have the biggest job there is in the world. Go talk to those Gentile preachers. They may listen to you, though I doubt it very seriously." It is a

mistake in engaging the Stadium as it was too big, too far out, and we would never see it filled. However," he continued, "they failed to realize we have a great God who delights in doing great things for those who earnestly seek His help and allow Him to take control."

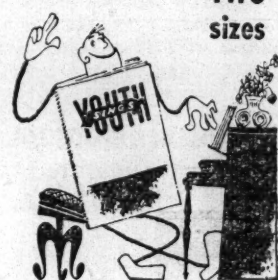
great thing to be an angel in the presence of God, is it not? But, I say to you tonight by Scriptural testimony that there is not an angel in Heaven who would not change places with any Christian in this world for the privilege of witnessing to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, they are coming together in the United Nations Conference, in the Prime Minister's Conference. They are trying to straighten out this world, to formulate and sign peace treaties. David Lillenthal and his group are working on atomic energy. The president and the Congress of these United States are seeking to avert inflation, and depression, and war, and things like that. But I say to you, my friends, the humblest Christian, in the humblest community, in the humblest capacity, pointing sinners to the Lord Jesus Christ is doing more than all the rest of these others put together. We have something to give to the world that is more important than peace, that is more important than plenty, that is more important than prosperity, that is

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more important than international organization. We have something to give men that will stand them in good stead in this life, then bridge Hell and open Heaven for them in the life to come.

Oh, there are some of you in this audience who are doubtful of your salvation. You are church members. Back yonder somewhere you may have come to Christ, I do not know. I beseech you, look away from yourself, look away from your doings, look away from your doubts, look away from your feelings. Look to the cross, the blood-stained cross of Calvary. Remember that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world. There are some of you in this auditorium who are trembling by hesitating. You are Christians. You have felt the heat of the battle. You have been defeated again and

again. Your fruit has been so meager and so small. You are ready to throw up your hands and quit. I beseech you tonight to look to Calvary. Recall the fact that the price Jesus paid for you guarantees the ultimate triumph of the Son of God and of those who belong to Him. You have been purchased by His redemptive blood. It is utterly impossible, it is inconceivably impossible, it is eternally impossible for the cross to lose any of its power, or for the Son of God to be cheated, to be overcome, to be defeated out of any part of the heritage that God has promised to Him in the souls of men.

There are many of you in this auditorium, many more of you out yonder in the radio audience who are not Christians, who are not children of God. If I were to say to you, "You've got to join my church! you've got to subscribe to my creed to be saved," you would have a right to hesitate. All I am saying to you tonight is, "You've got to look to the cross! You've got to look to the shed blood! You've got to look to Jesus who died, who rose again, who lives, offering His atoning blood in intercessory, high-priestly prayer for those of you who will come to God by Him. But, even that is not all.

### Calvary, the Place of Promise

We have here one more thought, one last thought. Not only was Calvary the place of pain, not only was and is Calvary the place of pardon, but Calvary is forever the place of promise. Every promise of God comes to us by way of Calvary. Jesus Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." You cannot come to God in prayer except by Christ. You cannot come to God in repentance except by Christ. You cannot come to God in faith except by Christ. You cannot come to God in service except by the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ said, "All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Most people seem to limit that authority to the power to forgive sins. No, my friends, it means all authority. It means authority over the physical. It means authority over the moral. It means authority over the financial, and the social, and the economic, and the educational, and, of course, the spiritual. Some day this world will bow at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ recognizing Him as the one, the only one who has full authority in every sphere. He comes to us tonight. In His own blood He offers us certain promises. What are they?

First, there is the promise of help, and how desperately we need it in this day and time. It is so dark. It is so disheartening. It is so dismal. It is so discouraging. There is so much unhappiness. There is so much unrest. The war clouds are beginning to loom up

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again in their bleak, black fury over our heads. The leaders of the world—the best, the finest, the choicest of them—do not know which way to turn. Men's hearts are failing them for fear as they have never failed them before. Scientists, educators, politicians, diplomats, statesmen, all leaders are ready to throw up their hands, to drop them to their sides, to say "We don't know which way to go."

But there is a way to go. It is by way of the cross. There is one who can help. There is a Leader who knows. There is one who can lead us on and on until He shall have finished His purpose in our lives. That Leader is Christ Jesus. There is the promise of help. Is it not written in God's Word, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7). "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Is it not written in God's Word, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). Is it not written in the Holy Book, "My God shall supply all your need . . . by Christ Jesus?" (Phil. 4:19). Is it not said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me?" (Phil. 4:13).

Oh, my Christian friends, things are not going to get easier. It will continue to be an all-out battle to win the lost to the Lord Jesus. Thank God, we are not in this warfare alone! Jesus walks with us, and talks with us, and calls us His own. The highest mountain that we climb, He is there; the deepest valley that we traverse, He goes with us; the darkest night that we go through, He lights it up. In the midst of sorrow, He gives us a song.

I read a statement about Martin Luther this day that set me to crying as I was praying over this message. There came messengers to him and to Philip Melancthon to say, "There is great trouble abroad." Vividly, tearfully, they told the bitter tale of persecutions, of the closing of assemblies, of the killing of some of Luther's followers, of how a warrant had been issued for his arrest, for Melancthon's arrest. Luther stood up in his might, in his great faith, to cry, "Let us sing a psalm to spite the Devil." To spite the Devil! Thank God for such faith! Thank God for the song that Jesus gives when we need help! There is no

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good thing that He will not give to us if we need it.

Further, we have here not only His promise of help to Christians, but His promise of help to you who are unsaved. Some folks have the idea that when one becomes a Christian that is all there is to it. According to their notions, the Christian has to fight his own battles, has to carry his own load. They have said to me, "Preacher, I would like to be a Christian, but I'm afraid I can't hold out." I'll tell you something better than that. I know you can't hold out. You can't hold out! Neither can I. But I know Someone who can hold us out, through thick and thin, through life, through death, through judgment, through an endless eternity. His name is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not going to save you and then let you go, saying to you, "Root, hog, or die." No, He will fill you with His Spirit. He will give you comfort, and confidence. He will give you His constant loving admonitions. He will appear to you by day and by night. He will never leave you. You may tear loose from His way and wander away, but He will break your heart and draw you back. Oh yes, there is on Calvary the promise of help.

Then we find on Calvary the promise of hope—not only of help, but of hope. It all looks like a hopeless task. I have gone back again and yet again to the same communities, to the same churches, the same city-wide and single church revivals. We have pled our hearts out, wept our souls out, turned our pockets inside out to promote campaigns. We come back in four or five years. The community is in the same stagnant condition, hopelessly undone. It seems as though our sowing beside all waters is just wasting time. But no, we look to Calvary. We remember that the Lord Jesus Christ bought victory for us as well as our salvation. He gives us the promise of hope, the assurance that in His own good time, in His own good pleasure, all the striving, all the struggling, all the sacrificing, all the self-denying, will come to a triumphant conclusion somewhere on the golden strands of Canaan's promised land.

I was raised right here in Chicago. I went to grade school, to preparatory school, to law school right here in Chicago. I have here all sorts of kinfolks. Some of them are seated right here in this audi-

torium. I have them from one end of this country to the other. They know my start. Other people, Gentiles and Jews, know the chances I had of getting ahead in my chosen profession. They laugh at me. They mock me. They say I have made a bad mistake. They say I have wasted my life. I might have been rich. I might have had lots of money, a big home, and big cars, luxury, everything else. They say I made a mistake when I turned my back on the legal profession, became a poor Christian, and a poorer preacher of the gospel.

But, let us see. Perhaps I did make a mistake. Perhaps I did. I am not too old to start all over again. Supposing I'd have stayed here and practiced law. Supposing I'd have turned my back on the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen, my unsaved friends, I was young. I was twenty-three years old. The world was my oyster. I had a good profession, an excellent start. Yes, it was coming my way, high, wide and handsome. I haven't got it now. I haven't got the money. I haven't got the ease. I've got the burden on my heart for the souls of men. Supposing I'd have stayed in my profession, supposing I'd have become a millionaire, I might have landed in jail and not have become a millionaire. I might have become a millionaire and landed in jail for it. All that is not beyond the realm of possibility. I'd have lived out my life. I'd have had everything my heart could desire — my wife in silks and satins, and I in Hickey-Freeman broadcloth and in French, Shrier and Urner shoes. My time would come to die. I'd leave it all behind. I do not wear Hickey-Freeman suits. I have a pair of six dollars and three cents priced shoes. I have invested my life in the Lord Jesus Christ. When this world with its pelf shall have disappeared, I shall just have begun to enjoy Heaven's riches. I believe I know when I am well off. I believe I know when I have done the right thing. I feel certain I have made the best investment possible of my life. There are all sorts of ways and places in which you can invest your time, your talents, your money, your energies; but none of them are as secure, neither will they pay the dividends that will come from that deposited in the safety and service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## The Place Called Calvary

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be buoyed up by the steadfast, Scripture-promise-sustained hope that our work is not in vain, that our tears are not in vain, that our prayers are not in vain, that our sacrifice is not in vain, that our self-denying is not in vain. With all my soul I urge you to take a chance with, nay enjoy the certainty of the bank of Heaven, the treasure house of eternity that has never known any such thing as a moratorium, a devaluation, an inflation, a depression, a failure. God in Christ has kept faith, does and shall keep faith.

Still further, where can I find the words to describe the joy in my soul? Not only is Calvary the place of the promise of help, of the promise of hope, but it is also the place of the promise of Heaven. There is only one way to go to Heaven, and that is by Calvary. Will you understand me? I have been studying myself a great deal lately. I have been searching my soul. I am not an old man as age goes. I am not a young man as youth goes. But listen! Not until lately have I preached much about Heaven. In these eighteen years of preaching I do not suppose I have preached half a dozen sermons on Heaven. But I notice that with every gray hair that comes into my head, with every birthday that comes around I am thinking more and more about Heaven. Thank God, I am about there! At the end of the journey I am going to drop the cross and get a crown. No more mistakes! No more misdeeds! No more misunderstandings to break my own heart, to trouble the hearts of others! No more sin! No more suffering! At home in Heaven with Jesus forever! I had just as soon go there right now but for one thing. That one thing is that so many of you do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

Now, what have I said to you? You heard it again and again. You knew it without my telling you. Calvary was the place of pain. Remember it was substitutionary pain! It was your pain and my pain! It was your penalty and my penalty! It was your punishment and my punishment! It was your doom and my doom! It was your damnation and my damnation that Jesus endured on the cross! Calvary is the place of pardon. It is

written, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin"; and again, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Calvary does promise to every one of you the help of God, the hope of God, the Heaven of God.

Some years ago a preacher's wife became dreadfully ill. She went to bed after awhile and could not get up. The doctors, the specialists, the nurses, the loved ones, the friends did everything they possibly could do. They prayed. They cried. They agonized with God. It was not God's will for that dear wife and mother to live. There came into her mind doubts and fears about death, about dying. She was not afraid of what came after death. She had the assurance of her salvation. She knew she was a Christian. But she was afraid of death, of the article of death, of the agony, of the mystery, of the horror of death, of going through that experience. It tore at her being. She shortened her days with her weeping. She could not utter three consecutive sentences without breaking into tears. Her whole household was in mourning. Her husband, her doctor who was a deacon in her church, her children pled with her. All the rest assured her that God would take care of her. Nothing would satisfy her. She wasted away. Her appetite was gone. She could not eat, she said. Her flow of tears grew in volume.

One morning her husband walked into her room as he did every morning. Dropping down to his knees by her bedside, pressing his arms about her, kissing her as was his fond custom, he said, "How is it with you, darling?"

Smiling up at him, the wife spoke quickly, "It's all right, Husband. It's all right."

He said, "You're smiling! You must be feeling better."

"I do not know whether I am feeling better physically or not, but I'm feeling better."

"What happened?"

"I am not afraid of dying any more."

"What happened?"

"Last night I dreamt a dream. Perhaps I saw a vision. I was standing on the bank of a wide river, a stormy, flooded river. The fearful winds were dashing the waves sky high. Clouds, thick,

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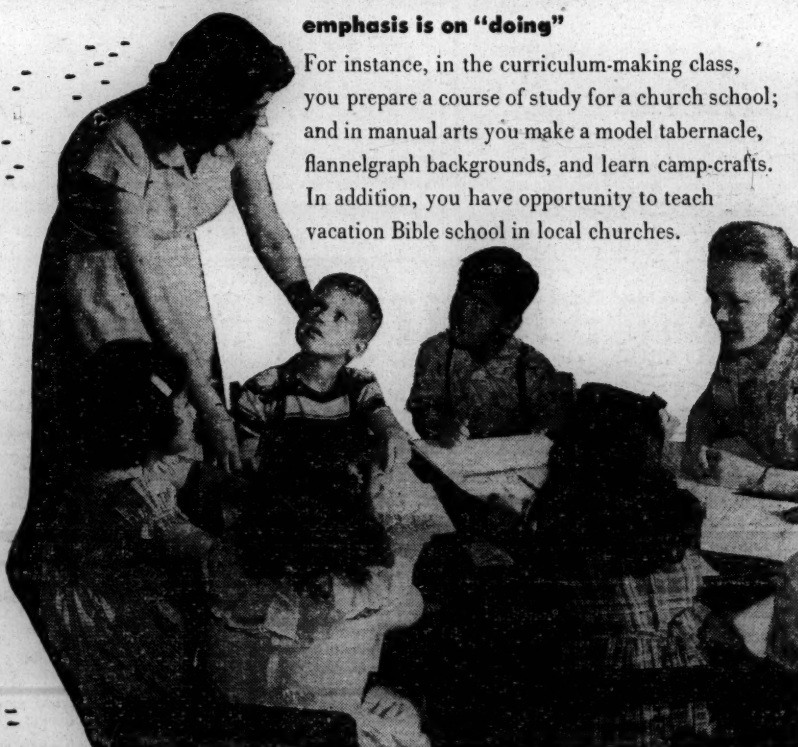
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## What the Bible Is to the Christian

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Can anyone say that the dear Lord Jesus did not do perfectly and exactly what we are here commanded to do? The Word of God was His delight, and to obey it was His holy passion! In fact, the Saviour Himself is called in the Gospel of John the Logos, or the Main Thought, or Revelation, or Word of God. Jesus is Himself the Word of God. "And his name is called The Word of God" (Rev. 19:13). St. Jerome was the Catholic father who translated the Bible into *The Latin Vulgate*, the official mother-translation of the Catholic church. Pope Benedict XV says, "So convinced indeed was Jerome that familiarity with the Bible was the royal road to the knowledge and love of Christ that he did not hesitate to say: 'Ignorance of the Bible means ignorance of Christ' ('Prol. in Comment. in Isa.'; cf. 'Tract. de Ps. 77')." And, Pope Benedict XV exhorts all to read and follow the Bible so earnestly and lovingly that "they may arrive at the all-surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ." (The quotation is given in the forward to the New Confraternity Translation of the New Testament.) Christ has so identified Himself with the Word of God, the supernatural revelation which is our Bible, that no Christian can claim to be a good Christian who does not with holy zeal set out to know, delight in, and live by the Word of God!

In another message I shall earnestly try to show you what the Christian should do with his Bible. But in this message I long to help you know what the Bible will do for you, what the Bible really is to the child of God.

### I. The Word of God Has a Miraculous Part in the Individual's Regeneration

I trust that you, dear reader, know of a time and place and a transaction by which you turned

from sin in your heart and depended on Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and save your soul. I trust that you have sweet assurance that your sins are forgiven, that for Jesus' dear sake you are counted righteous on the merits of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. I trust that God made you His own child by supernatural new birth when you simply received Christ by faith and trusted Him to become your own Saviour.

But did you know that every person ever born of God, every person ever regenerated by the Holy Spirit, was saved partly through the supernatural work of the Scripture?

Speaking to Christians, God's Word given through Peter says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Pet. 1:23).

Those who are born of God are born of incorruptible seed, by the Word of God!

It becomes clear by the Word of God that no one can ever be saved who does not hear the gospel. The Scripture says that "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21). That is, God saves people by proclamation of the gospel, by some human instrument taking the Word of God to lost sinners.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). Notice the phrase "born of water and of the Spirit." We know that the blessed Holy Spirit is the divine agent in regeneration. The Spirit of God convicts sinners, and the Spirit of God works a miracle of the new life. But what does "born of water" mean? I do not think it means the natural birth. It certainly does

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doubting years I found that God's Word clearly stated that when I believed in Christ and depended upon Him, I received everlasting life!

I read on, fascinated. In the same chapter I found that Jesus had promised in John 3:18, "He that believeth on him [the Son] is not condemned." When I had trusted Christ, my condemnation passed away! *The Word of God said so!*

I read on and found John 5:24, which says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." So when I had heard the Word of God when that godly preacher, A. B. Ingram, in the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Texas, had preached on "the prodigal son," and when I had depended on the Father who sent Jesus into the world to save, there and then, the Scripture says, I had received everlasting life. Thenceforth I could never come into condemnation because I was already passed from death to life! The day when I read and believed those Scripture promises, in a few short minutes I received perfect assurance that my soul was saved. And that assurance came from the Word of God!

And that is exactly what the Bible teaches about Christian assurance. In I John 5:13 the apostle writes by divine inspiration, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." One may know by the things written in the Word that he has eternal life.

In the same passage, verse 10 says, "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." For one not to believe the plain promises of the Word of God is to make God a liar. And the same Christian who was born of the incorruptible seed, the Word of God, has in himself the witness, that is, he has the Word of God, wrought in his heart by the Holy Spirit, and he has the Word of God in the Bible. And this divine record, in the Bible, is given in order that a Christian may know that he has eternal life!

If you want to know that you have eternal life, then take some simple promise of the Bible and rely upon it. For example, in John 6:37 Jesus said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Did you come to Jesus? I do not mean necessarily in walking down an aisle, or in any other public rite or ceremony. But in your heart did you choose to come and will to come, and decide to come to Christ? I am not talking about your tears, nor your feelings, nor your good deeds. Did you come to Jesus Christ in your heart? If you did so come, then He did not cast you out, and He never will! He received you. And the way you can know that He received you and did not cast you out is by believing the plain promise in the Word of God!

Sometimes troubled converts tell me, "I tried to come, I wanted to come, but I do not know whether I came the right way or not." To all such I answer, "If you wanted to come, it was the wanting which God means here. It was the will to come, the choice to come. If your heart came, then you came! And Jesus did not cast you out."

Did you call upon Christ to save you? Then remember that the

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Scripture says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). If your heart honestly came seeking salvation and if you asked Jesus Christ to save you, then you should believe His promise that you are saved.

People do not know that they are saved because they feel a certain way. Feelings may come or go. The first time your health breaks down you may lose the buoyant gladness on which you now depend. The first time Satan trips you and you fall into some sin and a burning conscience fills you with grief, you may lose all the assurance which is based on your feeling. You may go through some trial or be so tempted of Satan that you may lose the gladness which you now have. But, thank God, the Word of God abides forever! If your assurance is based on "thus saith the Lord," you need never lose it. The Word of God is the source of true Christian assurance. Do not make God a liar but believe the record that He has given that those who believe on Him have eternal life.

### III. The Scriptures Are the Food on Which Christians Grow

Christians often have the idea that attending church services, singing, testifying, along with prayer, are the principal means of Christian growth. We do not deny that a newborn baby should get its exercise. It should be in constant dependence and fellowship with its mother. And so a Christian ought to serve the dear Saviour who has redeemed him, and ought to be in constant touch with God in prayer. Yet the baby does not grow without food and a Christian does not grow without the Word of God. First Peter 2:2 says, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

I suggest that you open your Bibles to I Peter and read the last of chapter 1 and the first of chapter 2. First Peter 1:23-25 closes chapter 1, but the chapter division is man's idea, not God's. The Scripture itself was not originally divided into chapters. So the first two verses in chapter 2 go right along with the last three verses of chapter 1. Please look at it in your Bible. Then you will see that the Scripture here is clearly saying that one is born of the incorruptible seed of the Word of God that lives and abides forever and that therefore one should continue to grow by this same supernatural Word of God. In other words, since the Christian is born of the incorruptible seed of the Word of God, he should live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," as Jesus said in Matthew 4:4.

Every new convert, then, should be urged to read the Bible, to read it daily, to love it, to search it, to memorize much of it, to delight in it, to follow it. For Christian growth depends more upon the Word of God than on any other factor. Any Christian who wants to become a mature, strong, robust Christian must settle down to a steady diet of the Word of God.

I have known people who were very active in Christian work who were spiritual babes and spiritual weaklings, starved for lack of the spiritual food whereby Christians grow! I was astonished when a gray-headed woman, active in Christian work many years, told me that she was not sure of her salvation. I have been grieved many times to find active church people mere babies in Christian character, in faith, in spiritual understanding. They were starved Christians. Christian activity, Christian sacrifice, prayer, even devoted soul-winning efforts do not take the place of feeding upon the Word of God. There is no substitute for the Word of God as food for Christian growth. The Word of God contains the spiritual proteins, and vitamins for spiritual muscles and bones and spiritual health and growth. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

### IV. The Scriptures Are God's Way to Daily Victory Over Sin

God wants Christians to live daily victorious lives. And God has provided the means for victory.

Psalms 119:9 says, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Again, in Psalm 119:11 we have the same truth taught: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Young man, do you want to cleanse your way? Then take heed to it according to the Word of God. Set out to find God's rules for living in victory; you will find them in the Word of God.

Many Christians seek by earnest prayer to have some great experience that they hope will change them so they will not be tempted. They think some "second blessing" will eradicate the carnal nature and that this permanent and continuing victory may be secured by one great crisis experience. However, multiplied thousands have discovered that however great the emotional experience, they still have with them the carnal nature and they often fall under temptation. No, God's way for a Christian to have victory over sin is not through some ecstatic emotional experience, but through feeding upon the Word of God, being washed by it, being taught by it, being warned by it, and being strengthened by it, so that he can meet the temptations. It is well to remember that even the dear Lord Jesus met each of Satan's temptations with a quotation of Scripture. Tempted to make bread and assuage His hunger, Jesus replied, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Tempted to cast Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple for a public show, Jesus answered, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Tempted to bow down to Satan in order to obtain world dominion, Jesus replied, "It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Jesus defeated Satan's worst temptations by the Word of God. And He, the great Son of man, our Saviour and Pattern, will help us to have daily victory also through the Word of God.

To be prepared for temptation, one needs to learn the Word of God ahead of time and hide it in his heart. It may be too late to load your gun when the bear charges you. It is too late to study your lesson at examination time. So the Christian is exhorted to follow David's example. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Studying the Word of God, learning the truths of the Word of God and memorizing many passages, will give the Christian a strong defence against temptation. By mastering the Word of God, hiding much of it in his heart by memory, and hiding the whole spirit and tenor of its teachings in his heart by reading, by enjoyment, by meditation and by obedience, the Christian will have the will to resist temptation, will have the spiritual strength to overcome temptation and the divine reassurance and help which comes from the living, supernatural Word of God.

How can the drunkard leave his drink? How can the smoker quit his cigarettes? How can the man with licentious thoughts conquer his lust? It is well to pray, but prayer is not enough. It is well to seek the company of Christians; that will help, but it is not enough. He must set out to daily grow in spiritual strength by feeding on the Word of God, by taking it to heart with earnest devotion and hiding much of it in his heart. He may fail, and stumble and fall short, but, praise the Lord, he has the blessed assurance that he will grow stronger and more and more have daily victory over the sins he hates, the sins that grieve God and hurt the Christian and harm his testimony. The Word of God is the Chris-

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### V. The Bible, God's Way for Christians to Be Sanctified

When the Bible mentions sanctification for the Christian it does not mean sinless perfection. That is clear from I John 1:8, which says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." The Bible does not teach that by one mystic period of ecstasy or by one supernatural crisis the Christian is made sinless and perfect. Good people who think so have misunderstood the Scripture.

But, we must still remember that the Bible has a doctrine of sanctification and holiness. And the Bible, by these terms, means separated to God, set apart for God. So Israel is "a holy nation," so Jerusalem is a holy city, so the Christians at Corinth, though carnal, were "sanctified in Christ Jesus" (I Cor. 1:2). In fact, there is a sense in which every Christian is set apart for God and so is sanctified once for all by the offering of Christ (Heb. 10:10).

But is there a way in which a Christian can more and more be practically set apart for God?

How may a Christian man become more and more God's man, separate from the world and different from the world? How can a Christian woman become more and more God's woman, set apart for God's service? How may young people become different from the young people of the world, in outward life and in inward devotion and consecration? The answer is, they may become sanctified by devoted reading and meditating upon and following the Word of God!

In John 17 the dear Lord Jesus prayed for His disciples, not only for the original disciples, but for all that should afterwards believe on Him through their word. Speaking of all of us Christians, Jesus prayed to the Father in these words:

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."—John 17:14-17.

Jesus has given to Christians God's Word. He does not ask that we should be taken out of the world but that God would keep us from the evil in the world. And then He prays that we will be sanctified through God's truth in the Bible. He says, "SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH: THY WORD IS TRUTH." We are to be sanctified by the Word of God.

In Acts 20 we find that Paul came to Miletus, the seaport town near Ephesus where he spent three years in winning souls and building the church. He called for the elders of the church at Ephesus to meet him, and there solemnly gave them his charge. Then he said to them, "I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

It is true that preachers do a different work, a work set apart from the work of the world. But, oh, how we ministers of the gospel need to be different men! We

need to be men of God, men set apart for God, men sanctified to a holy calling. How may we preachers obtain this blessed result of sanctification? Paul commends us to the Bible which is able to build us up and to give us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified!

I am thinking now of one of the most saintly men I ever knew. I think I must say that he loved the Bible and was moved and affected more by the Bible than almost anybody else I ever knew.

True godliness comes from this kind of sanctification. One who loves the Word, lives in the Word, lets the blessed Word of God have its supernatural work on his heart and life and affections and sins and hopes; on his family, on his business, on his prayers, on his joys, on his friends, on his enemies, on his labors, on his plays—such a man becomes truly godly, or set apart for God. The blessed Word of God is the means of sanctification, the means of true consecration, if we let the Word have its way in our lives.

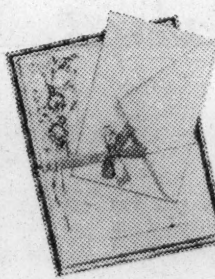
I am not speaking of a mere mechanical learning of the words nor of a Pharisaic delight in the letter. I am speaking about such holy devotion to the Word as lets the Word have its perfect way with us. If we really "live . . . by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," as Jesus said we are commanded to do, then we cannot but be different! We cannot remain like the world, nor indifferent to God's plan, nor alien from His ways. Born-again Christians still need to learn to be set apart and separated and made holy, sanctified to God and His will and way by feeding on and meditating and delighting in the Word of God daily.

### VI. The Bible, God's Means for Growing Faith

The Christian is plainly commanded, "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22). We are told that "without faith it is impossible to please him" (Heb. 11:6). We are told that if we believe, "all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). Faith is the key that unlocks every treasure house of God and gets everything that God has that

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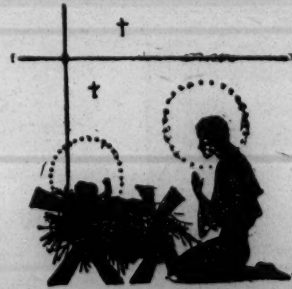
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## What the Bible Is to the Christian

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a Christian wants and needs. But how may I have the faith which God commands me to have?

It is right that a Christian should pray for faith. The disciples prayed, "Lord, Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). The father with the devil-possessed boy said, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24). It is right for us to ask God to increase our faith, but God has His own appointed way of answering that prayer. In Romans 10:17 the Scripture says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." When this Scripture was written printing had not been invented. Only a few hand-copied manuscripts of Scripture portions were available and very, very few people could read and write. So these Scriptures were read publicly and most people got the blessings from the Scriptures by hearing them. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." You see, the Word of God builds faith.

In a time of trial and testing I delighted to read how the three Hebrew children who would not bow to the image of Nebuchadnezzar were cast into the fiery furnace and how God delivered them. I delighted to read how Daniel was cast into the den of lions for praying and how God shut the mouths of the lions and Daniel escaped unharmed. I read with the deepest joy and mounting faith the story of Sennacherib's army surrounding Jerusalem and how the letter of his threats and his derision toward God was spread out on the altar by King Hezekiah and Isaiah the prophet and then how the next morning 185,000 of Sennacherib's army lay dead and he returned to his own city and was murdered by his own sons in the house of his idol god! Thank God, I found that the Scriptures gave me courage and faith. I found that God takes care of people who trust Him! I found that one may look through the dark time of tribulation and persecution and know that God will be faithful when everybody else fails.

I remember when I was a young preacher starting, with my wife, to the seminary. I worked a few hours each week with a hoe on the campus at thirty cents an

hour. Later I preached in country churches and sometimes got ten or twelve dollars per week, sometimes fifteen. We faithfully tithed during that time and how we did delight to read the words of Jesus who in Matthew 6:25-34 said we were not to take thought for what we should eat or drink or for clothing. Jesus said that the heavenly Father fed the fowls of the air, and that He clothed the lilies of the field, and that all of us who were born-again children should have better care than these! Jesus promised that if we should seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness all these things needed would be added to us (Matt. 6:33). We believed those promises. Our faith mounted up. And, thank God, now for many years we have lived a triumphant and happy life without fret about our food, clothing, and ordinary needs. We take our needs to God. From the blessed Bible we learned to trust Him! Faith comes by the Word of God!

That is one reason for showing unconverted sinners who want to be saved the promises in the Word of God. Let them see what God has promised. Let them base their decision on the plain Word of God. If they see how clearly He has promised everlasting life to those who put their trust in Jesus, the blessed Word of God will help to grow faith in their unbelieving hearts. Faith comes by the Word of God!

All the mighty men of faith have been mighty men to feed on the Word. Read the life of George Muller of Bristol, the man who prayed down 7½ million dollars from God without ever taking a public collection, without ever writing a friend for money, without making a published appeal or an appeal to a congregation. He supported as high as 2,300 orphan children at once, sent missionaries to many heathen lands, sent gospel literature around the world. And he did it by the prayer of faith. The way he got the faith was by constant reading and meditation in the Word of God. He read the Bible over and over and over, and when he was about ninety years old he declared he had lost interest in all other books but the Bible. And he claimed the blessed promises he

found therein. His mighty faith came by a holy absorption in and delight in the Word of God.

Hudson Taylor was a mighty man of faith. He founded the China Inland Mission. He had faith to go himself to China without promised support from anybody. Later he had faith to take hundreds of missionaries for whom there was no definite promise of support from men. But he had learned to trust God. He was a man of mighty faith in a mighty God. But Hudson Taylor was one of the most devoted Bible students this world has seen. He loved the Word, read the Word, meditated in the Word day and night. One of his friends traveling on a riverboat with him told how Hudson Taylor would rise at five o'clock in the morning and light his candle to get a couple of hours with the Word of God before others awoke. His faith came from God through the Bible.

D. L. Moody used to rise at four o'clock or five o'clock in the morning to study his Bible before others were around. He made the Bible first and so he grew a mighty faith in God. Faith really comes from the Bible. As the Bible becomes your bread and meat, as you begin really to live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," your faith will grow mightily.

### VII. Living by Every Word of the Bible, the Secret of Answered Prayer

This living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, as the Lord Jesus said we should do, is really the basic secret of answered prayer. We have just seen above how the faith that secures the answer grows by use of the Word of God. So every other condition that makes it pleasing to God to answer our prayers and makes it right for God to answer our prayers, is promoted by devotion to and feeding upon the whole Bible. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). It is good for us to abide in Christ, that is, to be absorbed in Him, to love Him and surrender to Him. But that alone is not enough to guarantee the answers to our prayers. For though we love Christ we may not know what He wants, may not know what He has promised, may not know His instructions.

So we need not only to abide in Christ but to have His words live in us. And when we do so abide in Christ and have His words abide in us, then He promised that we may ask anything in the world we want and have it! What a marvelous promise! By having the Word of God live abundantly in our lives is the great key of answered prayer.

One who loves the Word, feeds on the Word, judges his own thoughts and plans and desires by the blessed Word of God, can pray in the will of God, can pray acceptably, and so God can afford to answer his prayers. No one can be sure of praying in the will of God who does not adjust his prayer life to the will of God by the yardstick of the Word.

God feels very keenly this matter of our heart attitude toward the Word of God and He very strictly applies it in this matter of answered prayer. Proverbs 28:9 says, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." One who turns his heart away from the Word has turned his heart away from the will of God. He does not know the will of God, perhaps; certainly he does not want the will of God. And that is such a sin and pictures such a sad state of heart that God says such a prayer is an abomination! If you want your prayers answered, then, I beg you, love the blessed Word of God. Meditate in it day and night! Try to live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

### VIII. The Bible, the Source of Daily Guidance for a Christian

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," said the psalmist (Psa. 119:105). The Bible is Heaven's light on earthly pathways. Again, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psa. 119:130). The Bible is the source of true wisdom, true understanding of the will of God.

Does that mean that a Christian should not rely upon and should not seek the leading of the Holy Spirit? Is it not intended that a Christian should have daily leadership of the Holy Spirit? I assure you, I do not mean to minimize the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Every Christian can have and should have the clear leading of the Holy Spirit on every important step of life's pathway. But we are to remember that the Holy Spirit always leads in conformity to the written Word of God. The Holy Spirit is Himself the divine Author of the Bible. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Pet. 1:21). The freedom with which the Holy Spirit guides a Christian, His intimate conscious fellowship with a Christian is based on the Christian's attitude toward the Bible. Jesus promised the disciples that the Comforter would come and abide with them forever, "even the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16,17). But He explained, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21). Christ and the Father are manifested by the work of the Holy Spirit dwelling in a Christian's body, that is, are manifested provided that this Christian has the commandments and keeps them! In other words, in proportion as a Christian loves the Word and follows the Word and meditates in the Word, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth who dwells in every Christian's body, can teach and lead the Christian.

Again, in verse 23 of the same chapter we read, "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." The work of the blessed Holy Spirit in guiding and teaching a Christian depends on how well he keeps the words of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Bible!

Again, in John 14:26 Jesus gave the same teaching. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your

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remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." The blessed Comforter, the Holy Ghost, is sent to "teach . . . all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." But how can a Christian have the truth of the Word of God and the words of Christ brought to his remembrance if he never learned them? Any Christian is handicapped in being led by the Spirit if he does not know his Bible. For the Holy Spirit always leads in accordance with the revealed will of God in the Bible.

It is remarkable how often this teaching is made clear in the Bible; that the Holy Spirit guides and leads only as one is willing to take the revealed will of God. For example, in John 16:13 Jesus said: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

Yes, the Holy Spirit is to guide in the truth. But the Holy Spirit does not simply guide according to His own independent plan. He takes the revealed will of God in the Bible and helps a Christian to understand that. The Holy Spirit's leading always coincides exactly with the teaching of the Word of God.

A Christian woman told me the other day, "If I were convicted in my heart that the thing you mention is a sin, I would not do it." I called her attention to a plain statement in the Word of God that a certain thing was wrong. She replied, "Yes, I know the Bible says that, but the Holy Spirit does not impress me that it is wrong." In this case she had already closed her mind to the truth and the Holy Spirit would not lead her because she had insulted the Word of God and ignored it. No one can know the will of God by Holy Spirit guidance who is not willing to accept the guidance of the same Holy Spirit already written down in the Bible.

But the Christian who with all his heart searches the Word of God, loves it, meditates in it, and with holy eagerness tries to find the will of God may safely pray that the Holy Spirit will guide him so he can know the will of God in the Bible. And the Holy Spirit, thus ungrieved, will make the Bible live, will give holy wisdom in understanding it, and on any point in which the Scripture does not speak, He will make the will of God clear. But no one has a right to expect the Holy Spirit to guide him on smaller matters where the Bible does not speak, when he does not seek the will of God in the larger matters clearly revealed in the Bible. There is an affinity between the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. They always fit together perfectly. The Word of God is the basis of all practical wisdom, the basis of all guidance for a child of God.

Should the Christian not follow his conscience? Yes, but his conscience will prove unreliable if he does not constantly train his conscience according to the Word of God.

Does not God intend a Christian to have the counsel of his pastor and other Christian leaders? Yes, but always with the understanding that the Word of God itself is the final authority for every Christian and that all advice of others and preaching of others is to be weighed by the perfect will of God revealed in the Bible.

The Word of God has light on every problem that a Christian will ever face! Learn the Word of God and have the answer to your problems!

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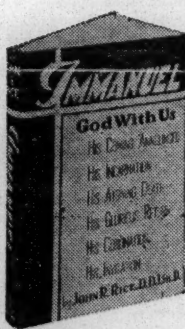
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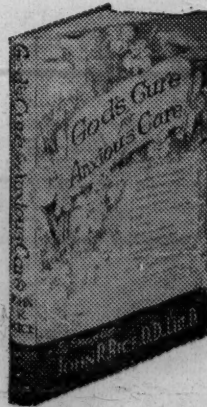
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jolly time. But my father quoted to me the Scripture, "Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee" (Prov. 25:17). That bit of divine wisdom helped me then.

My brother and I had some hot words once, and my father quoted the proverb, "A soft answer turneth away wrath..." (Prov. 15:1), and I was rebuked and shamed and was taught the better way.

Again one day we needed some farm machinery and I suggested that we borrow from a neighboring rancher. But my father reminded me that the Bible says that "the borrower is servant to the lender" (Prov. 22:7). I did not want to be a servant, and I saw the point at once. There is divine wisdom in the blessed Word of God for every problem a Christian can ever meet. Oh, Christian, take the Word of God as a lamp to your feet and a light to your path!

### IX. The Scripture Is Seed for the Soul Winner

Jesus once told a parable of a sower who went forth to sow. This sower represented a soul winner. Then Jesus said, "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11). The seed for the soul winner is the Word of God.

Remember that I Peter 1:23 tells us that all Christians have purified their souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, "being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." Every person who was ever converted, ever born again, was changed by the miraculous work of the Word of God, used by the Spirit of God through some Christian. Every one who is ever saved, then, must be born of the Word of God.

Psalm 126:5,6 gives us this great rule for soul winning: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Every one who would win souls, then, must carry the Word of God. All the sower's labor is wasted, all his tears are fruitless, unless, he sows the precious seed!

When I was nine years old my father moved us to a ranch in

West Texas. I was soon put in a field a mile square, driving six big mules to a plow. We broke the ground, then harrowed it, and then sowed the field to grow feed for the wintertime. I remember driving the six big mules to the long grain drill hour after hour. It was a tremendous experience to me to have day after day the responsibility of that big team. I could not harness them alone, but after they were harnessed I could hitch them to the drill, stop when the sun was straight over my head to water them and feed them and eat my lunch under the wagon; then hitch them again to the drill and sow.

After a certain number of rounds on the portion or "land" we were sowing I was always to fill up the big seed box of the grain drill. But once as I drove happily along watching to overlap the wheel track every time all along, and yet dreaming of great things of the future, I entirely forgot to fill up the seed box! Suddenly I remembered. I stopped the team, looked disconsolately in the box which was now empty and wondered how far I had gone with the empty grain drill, actually sowing no seed. I made a wild guess and after filling up the drill, I went back over much of the land. But I did not guess right and when the grain came up there was a strip a mile long and perhaps fifty feet wide which was barren! I was the laughingstock of the countryside. And many a Christian who seeks to win souls will find himself the laughingstock of Heaven if he does not use the supernatural seed of the Word of God in his soul-winning efforts.

It is not the words of men which save, but the words of God. God wants our explanation of the Word, our exhortation, our tears, our personal testimony, our illustrations. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21). Not only the Word of God, but the preached Word of God is used to save people. But God never saves anybody without the use of the Word. This is the incorruptible seed which sprouts in the heart of a hearer and makes him a child of God, by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Let every Christian, then, know that there are two elements that are absolutely essential in soul winning. One is the breath of



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Heaven, the anointing of the Holy Spirit; the other is the Word of God. If one goes with the heart broken by the Holy Spirit and uses the Word of God, he is certain to come back rejoicing with sheaves.

With what tender earnestness then, ought the Christian to search the Scriptures! I think a Christian ought to spend hours in memorizing Scriptures and in earnestly searching to understand God's plan of salvation. The gospel ought to become sweet and dear to every Christian, because it is the lifeline he throws to shipwrecked sinners. It is the seed he sows in the ground broken up by the providence of God. It is the light of God in the darkness of sin. It is the bread of God to starving ones. Oh, if you would be a soul winner then learn to love and to use the Word of God! I have known new converts saved in a rescue mission who in a few weeks had more success in soul winning than a preacher with college and seminary degrees. The reason was that the new convert knew and loved and utterly depended upon some sweet verses of Scripture which he used with boldness and with power to get sinners to repent and trust in Christ.

The Scripture is seed for the gospel sower. It is the only incorruptible seed which will germinate and grow to make a saint out of a sinner, to make a child of God out of a child of Hell, to make an unregenerate sinner now regenerated and a partaker of the divine nature. Use the Word of God in soul winning!

### X. The Scripture Is the Christian's Constant Source of Joy and Peace

"Great peace have they which love thy law" (Psa. 119:165).

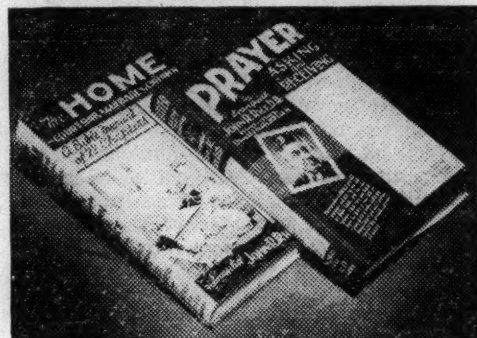
If a Christian has salvation by the Word of God and assurance of salvation by the Word of God; if a Christian grows by the Word of God, has victory over sin, grows into sanctification and holy life through the Word; if a Christian develops faith, has answered prayer, has daily guidance, and wins souls by the blessed Word of God, then of course peace and joy will be his.

Read Psalm 119 and find how often David says that the Word of God is his delight, his joy, his praise! Remember that Jeremiah said, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts" (Jer. 15:16). We are told how precious are the judgments, the statutes, the law of the Lord; "more to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psa. 19:10). I pray that every reader may set out to love the Word, to live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Then may he come to the time when he can say like the psalmist, "Thy testimonies have

I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart" (Psa. 119:111). How shallow is the life of a Christian who does not every day read much of the Word of God. I am shocked to find that most Christians have never even one time read the Bible through! How can they hope to have the power of God? How can they expect to have the daily victory, the soul-winning power, the joy, the peace that good Christians have? God has ordained that we should live daily by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.

These words will have been written in vain unless the reader sets out to master the Word of God, to read it, to know it, to memorize pages, chapters, hundreds of verses of it. If the reader simply acknowledges the truth of this doctrine but does not set out to practice the command to live by every word of the Scripture; the reader will have sinned and the message will have failed. In the name of Jesus Christ who so loved the Scriptures and who commands us to live by them all, by every word of them, I charge you to begin this very day to live in the Word of God, to meditate in the Scriptures day and night, to follow them any way they lead you, at any cost in the world; to make them your joy and delight forever!

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## Ironside on Holiness

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from the six months' furlough granted me, in order to "find myself," as it were. Closely allied to the Home were other institutions where holiness and faith-healing were largely dwelt upon. I felt sure that in so hallowed an atmosphere great things would be accomplished.

In the Rest Home I found about fourteen officers, broken in health seeking recuperation. I watched the ways and conversation of all most carefully, intending to confide in those who gave the best evidence of entire satisfaction. There were some choice souls among them, and some arrant hypocrites. But holiness in the absolute sense I saw in none. Some were very godly and devoted. Their conscientiousness I could not doubt. But those who talked the loudest were plainly the least spiritual. They seldom read their Bibles, they rarely conversed together of Christ. An air of carelessness pervaded the whole place. Three sisters, most devoted women, were apparently more godly than any others; but two of them admitted to me that they were not sure about being perfectly holy. The other one was non-committal, though seeking to help me. Some were positively quarrelsome and boorish, and this I could not reconcile with their profession of freedom from inbred sin. I attended the meetings held by the other workers I have mentioned. There the best of them did not teach sinless perfection; while the manifestly carnal gloried in their experience of perfect love! Sick people testified to being healed by faith, and sinning people declared they had the blessing of holiness! I was not helped, but hindered, by the inconsistency of it all.

At last I found myself becoming cold and cynical. Doubts as to everything assailed me like a legion of demons, and I became almost afraid to let my mind dwell on these things. For refuge I turned to secular literature, and sent for my books, which some years before I had sworn on condition that God would give me the "second blessing." How little

I realized the Jacob-spirit in all this! God seemed to have failed; so I took up my books once more, and tried to find solace in the beauties of essays and poetry, or the problems of history and science. I did not dare to confess to myself that I was literally an agnostic; yet for a month at least I could only answer, "I do not know" to every question based on divine revelation.

This was the legitimate result of the teaching I had been under. I reasoned that the Bible promised entire relief from indwelling sin to all who were wholly surrendered to the will of God. That I had thus surrendered seemed to me certain. Why then had I not been fully delivered from the carnal mind? It seemed to me that I had met every condition, and that God, on His part, had failed to perform what He had promised. I know it is wretched to write all this; but I see no other way to help others who are in the same state that I was in for that awful month.

Deliverance came at last in a most unexpected way. A lassie-lieutenant, a woman some ten years my senior in age, was brought to the Home from Rock Springs, Wyoming, supposedly dying of consumption. From the first my heart went out to her in deep sympathy. To me she was a martyr, laying down her life for a needy world. I was much in her company, observed her closely, and finally came to the conclusion that she was the only wholly sanctified person in that place.

Imagine my surprise when, a few weeks after her arrival, she, with a companion, came to me one evening and begged me to read to her; remarking, "I hear you are always occupied with the things of the Lord, and I need your help." I the one to help her! I was dumfounded, knowing so well the plague of my own heart, and being so fully assured as to her perfection in holiness. At the very moment they entered my room I was reading Byron's "Childe Harold." And I was supposed to be entirely devoted to the things of God! It struck me as weird and

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fantastic, rather than as a solemn farce—all this comparing ourselves with ourselves, only to be deluded every time.

### Dr. Ironside Begins to See the Light of What Christ Does for a Believer

I hastily thrust the book to one side, and wondered what to choose to read aloud. In God's providence a pamphlet caught my attention which my mother had given me some years before, but which I had dreaded to read lest it might upset me; so afraid had I been of anything that did not bear the Army or Holiness stamp. Moved by a sudden impulse, I drew it forth and said, "I'll read this. It is not in accordance with our teaching; but it may be interesting any way." I read page after page, paying little attention, only hoping to soothe and quiet this dying woman. In it the lost condition of all men by nature was emphasized. Redemption in Christ through His death was explained. Then there was much as to the believer's two natures, and his eternal security, which to me seemed both ridiculous and absurd. The latter part was occupied with prophecy. Upon that we did not enter. I was startled after going over the first half of the book when Lieut. J—exclaimed, "O Captain, do you think that can possibly be true? If I could only believe that, I could die in peace!"

Astonished beyond measure, I asked, "What! do you mean to say you could not die in peace as

you are? You are justified and sanctified; you have an experience I have sought in vain for years; and are you troubled about dying?" "I am miserable," she replied, "and you mustn't say I am sanctified. I cannot get it. I have struggled for years, but I have not reached it yet. This is why I wanted to speak with you, for I felt so sure you had it and could help me!"

We looked at each other in amazement; and as the pathos and yet ludicrousness of it all burst upon us, I laughed deliriously, while she wept hysterically. Then I remember exclaiming, "Whatever is the matter with us all? No one on earth denies himself more for Christ's sake than we. We suffer, and starve, and wear ourselves out in the endeavor to do the will of God; yet after all we have no lasting peace. We are happy at times; we enjoy our meetings; but we are never certain as to what the end will be."

"Do you think," she asked, "that it is because we depend upon our own efforts too much? Can it be that we trust Christ to save us, but we think we have to keep saved by our own faithfulness—?"

"But," I broke in, "to think anything else would open the door to all kinds of sin!"

And so we talked till, wearied out, she arose to go, but asked if she and others might return the next evening to read and talk of these things we had gone over—a permission which was readily granted.

For both Lieut. J—and myself that evening's reading and exchange of confidences proved the beginning of our deliverance. We had frankly owned to one another, and to the third party present, that we were *not* sanctified. We now began to search the Scriptures earnestly for light and help. I threw all secular books to one side, determined to let nothing hinder the careful, prayerful study of the Word of God. Little by little, the light began to dawn. We saw that we had been looking within for holiness, instead of without. We realized that the same grace that had saved us at first alone could carry us on. Dimly we apprehended that all for us must be in Christ, or we were without a ray of hope.

Many questions perplexed and troubled us. Much that we had believed we soon saw to be utterly opposed to the Word of God. Much more we could not understand, so completely warped had our minds become through the training of years. In my perplexity I sought out a teacher of the Word who, I understood, was in fellowship with the writer of the pamphlet I have referred to above. I heard him with profit on two occasions, but still was in measure bewildered, though I began to feel solid ground beneath my feet once more. The great truth was getting a grip of me that holiness, perfect love, sanctification, and every other blessing, were mine in Christ from the moment I had believed, and mine forevermore, because all of pure grace. I had been looking at the wrong

man—all was in another Man, and in that Man for me! But it took weeks to see this.

A booklet blessed to many proved helpful to both of us. The title, *Safety, Certainty, and Enjoyment*, (A 4 cent stamp will bring this to the reader. Address the Sword Publishers, Wheaton.) was itself a source of cheer. Other tracts were given me, and read with earnest purpose, looking up every reference, searching context and other passages of like, or apparently opposite, character, while daily we cried to God for the knowledge of His truth. Miss J—saw it ere I did. The light came when she realized that she was eternally linked up with Christ as Head, and had eternal life in Him as the Vine, in her as the branch. Her joy knew no bounds, and she actually improved in health from that hour, and lived for six years after; finally going to be with the Lord, worn out in seeking to lead others to Christ. Many will be disappointed to know that she maintained her connection with the Army to the last. She had a mistaken (I believe) notion that she should remain where she was, and declare the truth she had learned. But ere she died she repented of this. Her last words to a brother (A.B.S.) and me, who were with her very near the end, were: "I have everything in Christ—of that I am sure. But I wish I had been more faithful as to the truth I learned about the Body—the Church. I was misled by zeal which I thought was of God, and it is too late to be faithful now!"

Four days after the truth burst upon her soul in that Home of Rest, I too had every doubt and fear removed, and found my all in Christ. To go on where I was, I could not. Within a week I was outside of the only human system I had ever been in as a Christian, and for many years since I have known no head but Christ, no body but the one Church which He purchased with His own blood. They have been happy years; and as I look back over all the way the Lord has led me, I can but praise Him for the matchless grace that caused Him to set me free from introspection, and gave me to see that perfect holiness and perfect love were to be found, not in me, but in Christ Jesus alone.

And I have been learning all along my pilgrim journey that the more my heart is taken up with Christ, the more do I enjoy practical deliverance from sin's power, and the more do I realize what it is to have the love of God shed abroad in that heart by the Holy Spirit given to me, as the earnest of the glory to come. I have found liberty and joy since being thus freed from bondage that I never thought possible for a soul to know on earth, while I have a confidence in presenting this precious truth for the acceptance of others that contrasts with the uncertainty of the past.

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"The picture is not one of dries on the rampage, but of dries on the march—a steady, unspectacular kind of march that has carried them far and will take them still farther unless they're opposed

## Ironside

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fully upon the truth that wrought my deliverance, in the second part of these papers; but I desire, ere closing the experimental part, to sum up in one more chapter my impressions of the Holiness movement.

—From the book *Holiness, The False and the True*, by Dr. H. A. Ironside, 142 pages, cloth bound \$1.25, paper bound \$.75. Used by permission of Loizeaux Brothers.

by a united, alert trade."

The above quotation indicates that those engaged in the liquor traffic have only one thing in mind—self preservation and expansion for the sake of profits. And why are the dries "on the march?" That's simple: to champion the rights of innocent children; to save unthinking, daredevilish youth from being led captive at the will of the conscienceless liquor barons; to foster the security and happiness of our homes and communities; to correct the abuses of liberty and justice in government and law enforcement; to further sobriety and clean living for decency's sake as well as for the sake of creating good soil in which the future generations may grow and enjoy life as it is meant to be lived.—The California Liberator.

## Missionary in Japan Needs Tent, Hymnbooks, Picture Machine

By the Editor

I want you to read the letter that comes to me from Japan. The Sword of the Lord is doing what it can to push the missionary enterprise and we want our friends to know the need and to pray with us.

Now read the letter from Japan.

Sept. 9, 1951

Dear Bro. Rice:

"Greetings in Jesus' precious name.

"You won't remember me, perhaps, but this is Ed Martin. I first came under your ministry while serving time on a Virginia Chain Gang. I was converted while in prison, and soon after my conversion my brother-in-law, John Griener, (killed recently in the plane crash of New Tribes Mission) saw to it that my name was placed on your mailing list for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Oh, what a blessing those papers were! I feasted and grew on them. Then a few years later while attending a Bible Seminary in Texas, I became an agent for the Sword of the Lord books, thus obtaining needed funds for schooling. Well, now I'm a missionary in Japan, still profiting by the study of your books, and distributing many of your 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' booklets. My wife, two small sons and myself have been in Japan a little over a year. The first part of our stay was spent in Utsunomiya City where there is now a native church established. We have just recently moved to Toshigi City where we are endeavoring to start another native church; but we are also daily studying the language and with the Lord's help we hope by next spring to be able to preach and teach to these people in their own language.

"Now to come to the point of why I am writing. I think as Christians we all feel the urgency of the hour. It certainly looks as if it is now or never for the gospel in the Far East. The Lord has laid upon my heart-to, as soon as possible, go to towns and cities, set up a tent (as large rooms are scarce and expensive), stay there a month or six weeks preaching, teaching day and night until the area is thoroughly evangelized, then further teaching and instructing those with the most concern, perhaps leaving some of our native workers still longer to teach and guide in the formation of a native church while we move on to another area, thus reaching the most amount of people in the shortest possible time. The Lord has provided a jeep, and we have the promise of a loud-speaker which we trust will soon be coming. But we still need a tent, funds for hymnbooks in Japanese, and a picture machine, either movie or slides, as people learn much more quickly when they see the gospel, as well as

hear it. The thought came that if the large Sword of the Lord family knew of these needs, perhaps someone would have the above articles that they would like to dedicate for the spreading of the gospel in this needy land. Therefore, for the sake of these perishing multitudes I ask if you feel that you possibly can in THE SWORD OF THE LORD print what you think necessary of this letter.

"Yours in the interest of souls,"  
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We cannot furnish these things. If someone has a tent that could be spared for this missionary work, and is worth the long shipment to Japan, I suggest that you find out shipping rates before promising the tent. Possibly the tent could be bought in Japan more cheaply than in America unless someone has a tent already which he ought to send.

We could buy a secondhand picture machine for two or three hundred dollars, we suppose, which is in good condition and could buy some used films, that is, really good gospel films, or could get new films from Mr. Baptista in Wheaton, if someone feels impressed to furnish the money.

We are glad for our friends in Japan to supply tracts in Japanese, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" from the funds we send there.

Hymnbooks will have to be those printed in Japan, I am sure. I do not know where they can be secured but some of the missionaries will know and the brother could buy the books if the money were provided.

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